

General Application Requirements (FINAL)

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Agency Information

(Carefully read the instructions before completing this form)

1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.
- b. Organizational Unit 10
- c. Address 4067 Mission Inn Avenue
- e. City Riverside State CA Zip 92501
- f. Federal Id Number 23-7413415 DUNS Number V000042539-00
- g. Agency fiscal year (beginning month and January-01 day)
- h. Agency Type (Please check one)
- ☐ City ☐ County ☐ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District ☐ U.S. Bureau of Land Management ☐ Other Federal Agency
- ☐ Federally Recognized Native American Tribe ☐ Educational Institution ☒ Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only
- ☐ State Agency ☐ District

2. Project Information

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested Project Cost

Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G09-04-10-G01	Ground Operations	99,000	34,000	133,000
2	G09-04-10-R01	Restoration	31,000	24,000	55,000
3	G09-04-10-S01	Education & Safety	108,000	40,000	148,000
4		TOTAL	238,000	98,000	336,000

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3. Contact

a. Project Administrator

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Title	Manager					
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b. Authorized Representative

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Location Map

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A. Location Map

Attachments:

[DTPC Location Map](#)

Equipment Inventory

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A. Equipment Inventory

Has your agency purchased any Equipment with OHV Trust Funds within the last five (5) ☐ Yes ☒ No
years? (Please select Yes or No)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Serial Number	Project Agreement Number

Habitat Management Program (HMP)

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PART 1 - ITEM 1. DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)

All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to HMP requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.

Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2.

1. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you checked 'Yes', you are done with HMP) (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

PART 2 - RISK ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND REPORTING

PART 2 - Section I. Summary of HMP Changes

Has the Applicant previously submitted a HMP Part 2 that is currently in use in the proposed Project Area? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Table 1 - Summary of HMP Changes

Changes from Previous Year	Section Where Change Occurs

PART 2 - Section II - Special Status Species

Table 2 - Table of All Special-Status Species and Any Other Species of Local Concern That Were Considered for Inclusion in the HMP

Species	Listing Status	Habitat	Potential for Occurrence	Addressed by HMP? If not explain why?

PART 2 - Section III - Map(s) of Project Area

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 3

Table 3 - Data (Including Baseline Data) and Management Program for Species and/or Sensitive Habitats

Species/Habitat	Known Information	Methodology	Concerns / Risks / Uncertainties	Management Objective(s)	Management Action(s)	Success Criteria

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 4

Table 4: Summary of HMP Monitoring Program

Species/Habitat	Change Detection Methodology	Effectiveness Monitoring Methodology, Including Triggers	Identify Any Applicable Validation Monitoring (Focused Studies)

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 5

Table 5. Management Review and Response; Adaptive Management

Monitoring Methodology	How Monitoring Information Will Inform Management	How Data Will Be Analyzed	Management Response to Identified Triggers	Who Will Plan Management Response

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 6

Table 6: Previous Year's Monitoring Results

Monitoring Accomplishments	Results	Were Objectives and Success Criteria Achieved?

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 7

Table 7: Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results

Management Actions	Species/ Habitat	Date Completed or Planned - mm/dd/yyyy	Changes Needed to HMP

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 8

Table 8 Management Actions Taken in Response to HMP-related Public Concerns

Concern Raised by Public	Actions Taken to Address the Concern

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Soil Conservation

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A. Soil Conservation

- a. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

B. Soil Conservation Plan

Attachments:

[DTPC Soil Conservation Plan](#)
[Attachment A Soil Condition Table](#)

Public Review Process

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A. Public Notification Efforts

Check all that apply: (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Notice to interested Parties/Groups (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [03/03/2010]
- ☒ Published on Applicant's Website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [2/20/2010]
- ☐ Published in Newspaper
- ☒ News Release Issued
- ☐ Public Meeting(s) Hearing(s) Held

B. Public Comments

A total of 17 comments were received by the end of the commenting period. Of these comments 12 were in support of funding all three projects in total. There were 5 comments opposing funding all three of the submitted projects. One individual submitted his comments opposing each project individually rather commenting on the application in its entirety. The comments in support of the grant generally stated the importance of educating the public, restoring habitat, and protecting threatened species and habitats.

To briefly address opposing comments a few points will be noted as follows: (1) The DTPC does support legal OHV use in the state of California. Without legal routes, illegal routes would rapidly proliferate; (2) OHV recreationist regularly visit the DTNA and enjoy the facility and leave comments attesting to that fact on the Bureau of Land Management's recreation logs; (3) Because of the high level of usage by Off-roaders any program benefiting the DTNA inherently benefits the off-roading community; (4) To clarify, the funding we are seeking for a kiosk isn't for a refurbishment of the existing kiosk, it is to build a new kiosk, with new, updated information; (5) Although direct matches of cash are not included for some of the projects, the DTPC matches funds in a variety of other ways including but not limited to donations of labor, art work, monitoring time, seed collection, fence repairs, and construction monitoring; (6) It was stated that the our application didn't list a single partner that maintains an interests in OHV opportunity, but this is not the case. One of our major partners at the DTNA is the Bureau of Land Management and that organization works actively to maintain OHV opportunity; (7) To clarify, the entirety of the desert tortoise exclusion fencing installed would be along routes that are primarily used by OHV riders rather than passenger cars and trucks. The areas that are slated for the installation of fencing are not typically accessed via passenger car; (8) Last year 66% of visitors to the DTNA arrived via OHV. To answer a specific question from an opposing commentator, more than two thirds of visitors being educated would be OHVs; (9) To clarify, the DTPC is not requesting funds to install fencing to exclude riders. We are requesting funds to install desert tortoise exclusion fencing on pre-existing fence lines to protect the tortoise, not exclude riders from areas that were previously accessible; (10) The DTPC does not spend a significant portion of our budget fencing out OHVs. Our recent fencing projects have been constructed on existing fence to protect the wildlife and have had no effect on current open routes; (11) The reason that the DTPC's application uses the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office Visitor Opportunity Summary for our application is because this is what we have been instructed to do according to the regulations established by the grantees; (12) None of the fences built by the DTPC are six feet tall. This is an error of fact; (13) No new fencing will be installed other than desert tortoise exclusion fencing. Again this is an error of fact; (14) The DTPC is unaware of any fence cuts that were "sabotage". Monitoring of said area is responsibility of the BLM; (15) It is the belief of those affiliated with the DTPC that seeing a tortoise in the wild has an entirely different impact on individuals than seeing a tortoise in an enclosure. Connecting people with wildlife is important. Seeing an animal in the wild can never be compare to the "zoo" experience; (16) The habitat at Camp C has not been returned to its original condition and has not been restored. Although some practices have been implemented in a small area, there is still a great deal of work to be accomplished. The vertical mulch that has been installed on site would give the impression to those driving by that there is more habitat on site than is the reality. The animals that were referenced as returning to the area are doing so because of the work that has already been completed, not because the area is returning to its natural state on its own accord. Habitat improvement needs to continue; (17) Desert tortoise kills on dirt roads and trails have been documented, at the DTNA specifically, and at many other sites in the Mojave and western Sonoran Desert. Vehicle users, especially those driving on dusty roads, may not see tortoises, whether liver or dead, when they are driving on trails and dirt roads; and finally; (18) No tortoises were removed from the DTNA in the late 1970s. One comment referenced 50 to 70 adults tortoises been removed from the DTNA during that time period. The federal government has no records of removals of 70 adult tortoises from the DTNA in the late 1970s. Such a removal did not occur. Again this is an error of fact.

C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments

- a. Were changes made to the Application as a result of public comments? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

Several misspelling were corrected as a result as a result of public of public comment. Project descriptions were altered slightly to make explanation more clear to the general public based on comments received during the public commenting period.

Certifications

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1. Applicant Certifications

A. General Conditions

- A. The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following terms and conditions: ☒
1. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being met.
 2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
 3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
 4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
 5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
 6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

B. Programmatic Conditions

B. The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:

1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:

These projects will reduce the potential for unintentional illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation by appropriately educating OHV Recreationists about safely riding in desert ecosystems, interacting appropriately with wildlife, how to reduce impacts to wildlife, and to respect surrounding habitat for the benefit of surrounding flora and fauna.
2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:

The applicant has no OHV Recreation Facilities under the DTPC's jurisdiction.

C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C). (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

2. Governing Body Resolution

Certification - Non Profits / Education

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1. Written Agreement with Land Manager

Attachments:

[DTPC Written Agreement](#)

2. Verification of Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Status

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[IRC, Section 501\(c\)\(3\) status](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

- a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

Starting (Month/Year) 10/2008

Ending (Month/Year) 09/2009

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity

- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12

- ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 3040

- iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 79378

- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 841342

- v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 10.21

1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (2)

- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page
Bureau of Land Management's Recreation Information Management Database
- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 10.21
Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 12

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)
- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)
- ☒ Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)
- ☒ Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)
- ☒ At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)
- ☒ Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 3 or more skill levels (5 points) ☐ 2 skill levels (3 points)
- ☐ 1 skill level (1 point) ☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

- b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points) ☐ Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)
☐ Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point) ☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

4. Agency Contribution

Is the cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include Indirect Costs) greater than \$0?. If NO, then No points. Go to item #5. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If YES, enter cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include Indirect Costs): 2036123

% Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points)
☐ 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points)
☐ 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)
☒ 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)
☐ More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points)

Reference Document

Management Information System Budget and Fund Status Reporting Office by Subactivity Major Category

5. Project Performance

For Applicant's OHV grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)
☒ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)
☐ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)
☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

6. Previous Year Performance

In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit. 2

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- ☐ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)
☒ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)
☐ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

7. Prevention of OHV trespass

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1)

- a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (answer items b and c)

☐ Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Explain 'Yes' response:

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2)

- b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled (Check the one most appropriate) 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ At least 5 days per week (5 points)
☐ At least once per week (3 points)
☐ At least once per month (1 point)
☐ Less than once per month (No points)

Explain patrol efforts (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols)

Almost every day of the year there are BLM employees patrolling the various OHV areas in the Ridegcrest Field Office. Anywhere from 9-13 Law Enforcement rangers, two Park Rangers, and numerous other staff patrol these areas on various days and hours. The most patrolled areas are Radamacher Hills Management Area, Jawbone Canyon OHV Area, Dove Springs OHV Area, Spangler OHV Area, Red Mountain Sub-region, Jawbone-Butterbrecht ACEC, Rand Mountains ACEC, Kiavah Wilderness Area, Bright Star Wilderness Area, Pacific Crest Trail, El Paso Mountains Management Area, Black Mountain, Grass Valley and Golden Valley Wilderness Areas. Kern County Sheriff and California City Police Departments also patrol some of the more crowded areas on holiday weekends. At least 50% of most active OHV lands are covered by patrols in any given week.

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3)

- c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)
☒ Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Explain measures utilized to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas

Many measures are implemented to prevent trespass into closed areas. Red carsonites are used to mark areas with closed routes. Brown carsonites, with various informational stickers, are used to mark Limited Use Area/Stay on Designated Routes, Designated Route ID numbers, Wilderness Boundary Behind this sign, Restoration Area/Closed to all use, and Private Property. Where signs are not working to prevent trespass, more substantial barricades are built including wooden posts or fencing and boulders placed as a hindrance. Free maps offered at kiosks and on-line include information on where riding is legal and where private property boundaries lie.

8. OHV Education

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- a. Education materials available onsite 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices (5 points)
☒ Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation (5 points)

- b. Applicant or Land Manager provides formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 50 or more per year (3 points) ☐ 20 to 49 times per year (2 points)
☐ 5 to 19 times per year (1 point) ☒ Less than 5 times per year (No points)

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- c. When Facility is open, staff are available at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Daily (5 points) ☐ On all weekends (4 points)
☐ On the majority of weekends (2 points) ☐ On major holidays (1 points)
☐ None of the above (No points)

- d. ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are provided to the public: 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ At least 30 times per year (5 points) ☐ 18-29 times per year (3 points)
☒ 4-17 times per year (1 points) ☐ Less than 4 times per year (No points)

Describe Land Manager's onsite education efforts relative to items a. - d.:

The BLM Ridgecrest Office has administrative staff at the front desk to answer questions the public might have about anything pertaining to OHV recreation. If they can not answer the question, they will either find a staff member who can, or point them to the various brochures and informational sheets that are provided free of charge in the front area. The Jawbone station is open seven days a week, 365 days a year and is a major OHV staging point where the staff provides riding information stressing the importance of respecting private property, safety issues, staying on trail, and protecting cultural and wildlife resources. There are also information kiosks at all the major entrances of the routes that provide maps, safety alerts, and other pertinent information. Formal education programs include Moose Anderson Days conducted every year at Jawbone Station. The BLM Safety training course is offered whenever there are requests for it, which is approximately four times per year.

9. Website

- a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Land Manager's website 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (skip to question 10) ☒ Yes (provide URL address and answer item b)

Provide URL address <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html>

- b. The Land Manager's website contains the following items 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points. (Please select applicable values)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map to location | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact information | <input type="checkbox"/> News releases |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information on responsible riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Map of Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Fee schedule |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Link to Division Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement contact information |

10. OHV Outreach

Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes: 3

Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points. (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input type="checkbox"/> CDs and/or DVDs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> OHV dealers |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parades | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs at schools | |

11. Natural and Cultural Resources

11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 1

- a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation?
0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (answer item b) ☐ Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 12)

Explain 'Yes' response

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- b. Resource Management Information System 5

Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:

- Ongoing survey/inventory of species
- Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites
- Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations
- Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species;
- Recommendations for improvement in species management
- Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species? (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Reference Document

California Natural Diversity Database

Ridgecrest Desert Tortoise Database

BLM California Statewide Heritage GIS Database (CRM Tracker)

12. Soil Management

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- a. Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response Formal soil monitoring includes an OHV Soil Loss Monitoring Checklist with color coding for the soil condition rating. Green means that the soil on the trail is satisfactory and not eroding. Yellow means that some maintenance is needed. Red indicates that major maintenance is needed to prevent soil loss.

b.

Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response Maintenance and restoration crews build run-outs, out-slope trails, and build other water control features to prevent erosion

12. Soil Management - Page 2

c. Land Manager performs soil monitoring 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Monthly (3 points)

☐ After major rain events (2 points)

☐ Annually (No points)

13. Sound Level Testing

The Applicant or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing 2

(Check only one if applicable) (Please select one from list)

☐ On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points)

☒ At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points)

☐ Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points)

Describe the sound testing program

The Law Enforcement Rangers perform sound checks at permitted motorcycle events, such as the Ridgecrest Grand Prix. Testing is done using standard J-1287 protocol (established by the Society of Automotive Engineers). Using the sound meter, Rangers check to make sure the dbAs are less than 101 for OHVs manufactured before January 1, 1998 and less than 96 for vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1998.